REMARKS:

Claims 35 and 38-55 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 35 and 47-55 are withdrawn and claims 38-46 remain unchanged.

The Examiner indicated that the application contains claims directed to the following distinct inventions:

- I. Claim 35, classified in class 428, subclass 195.1;
- II. Claims 38-46, classified in class 156, subclass 257; and
- III. Claims 47-55, classified in class 503, subclass 201.

Applicant is required to elect a single invention. By this Amendment, Applicant respectfully elects, without traverse, Invention II relating to claims 38-46, withdraws claim 35 relating to Invention I, and withdraws claims 47-55 relating to Invention III.

Applicant reserves the right to re-introduce non-elected Inventions I and III into the present application if, at a future date, such re-introduction is deemed appropriate or to prosecute non-elected Inventions I and III and other aspects of the application in one or more divisional patent applications if the restriction requirement is upheld.

CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing, examination of the current application on the merits is respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

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